

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please amend claims 24-28 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A storage container, comprising:

a lid having a lid panel and an arm extending from the lid panel, the arm including a detent having a first surface parallel to the lid panel and a second surface having a taper extending at least a portion between the first surface and a distal end of the arm; and

a base configured to receive a disc, the base having a base panel and a member extending from the base panel, the first surface of the detent engaging an interior surface of the member when the storage container is closed, wherein the base further comprises a base wall along a portion of a periphery of the base panel, and the lid further comprises a lid wall along a portion of a periphery of the lid panel, wherein a front portion of the lid wall comprises a recess, the storage container further comprising a tab including a portion extending within the recess when the storage container is closed, wherein the tab is flushed with the front portion of the base and lid walls when the storage container is closed.

2. (original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the member comprises an exterior surface opposite the interior surface, the second surface of the detent

being arranged to slide past the exterior surface of the member to allow the first surface of the detent to engage the interior surface portion of the member when the storage container is being closed.

3. (original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the arm further comprises a rib.

4. (original) The storage container of claim 3, wherein the rib is positioned on one surface of the arm, and the detent is positioned on an opposite surface of the arm.

5. (original) The storage container of claim 4, wherein the arm further comprises a second rib positioned on the opposite surface of the arm.

6. (original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the base panel further comprises a support coupled to the member.

7. (original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the detent is configured such that a force to disengage the detent from the member is greater than a force to engage the detent with the member.

8. (original) The storage container of claim 1, further comprising a break away hinge coupling the tab to the base.

9. (original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the base panel further comprises an annular wall configured to support an outer edge of the disc.

10. (original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the lid comprises a second tab extending parallel to the lid panel, the second tab being configured to extend over the annular wall and engage the disc when the storage container is closed.

11. (original) The storage container of claim 10, wherein the tab comprises a ridge configured to engage the disc when the storage container is closed.

12. (original) The storage container of claim 11, further comprising a hinge panel hinged to the base and lid, the hinge panel having a rib configured to extend over the annular wall and engage the disc when the storage container is closed.

13. (original) The storage container of claim 1, wherein the base further comprises a base wall along a portion of a periphery of the base panel, and the lid further comprises a lid wall along a portion of a periphery of the lid panel, the lid

wall having opposing side portions each with a lip that extends below an upper edge of the base wall when the storage container is closed.

14. (original) A storage container, comprising:

a lid;

a base configured to receive a disc;

a latch to lock the lid to the base when the storage container is closed, wherein the base further comprises a base panel and a base wall along a portion of a periphery of the base panel, and the lid further comprises a lid panel and a lid wall along a portion of a periphery of the lid panel, a front portion of the lid wall comprising a recess, the storage container further comprising a tab including a portion extending within the recess when the storage container is closed, wherein the latch is configured such that a force required to disengage the latch to open the storage container is greater than a force required to engage the latch to close the storage container; and

a hinge coupling the tab to the storage container.

15. (original) The storage container of claim 14, wherein the tab is flushed with the front portions of the base and lid walls when the storage container is closed.

16. (original) The storage container of claim 14, wherein the base comprises a base panel having an annular wall configured to support an outer edge of the disc,

and the lid comprises a lid panel having a tab extending parallel to the lid panel, the tab being configured to extend over the annular wall and engage the disc when the storage container is closed.

17. (original)The storage container of claim 16, wherein the tab comprises a ridge configured to engage the disc when the storage container is closed.

18. (original)The storage container of claim 17, further comprising a hinge panel hinged to the base and lid, the hinge panel having a rib configured to extend over the annular wall and engage the disc when the storage container is closed.

19. (original)The storage container of claim 14, wherein the base further comprises a base wall along a portion of a periphery of the base panel, and the lid further comprises a lid wall along a portion of a periphery of the lid panel, the lid wall having opposing side portions each with a lip that extends below an upper edge of the base wall when the storage container is closed.

20. (original)A storage container, comprising:

a lid comprising a lid panel and a peripheral lid wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said lid panel, wherein said peripheral lid wall extends substantially perpendicular to said lid panel, and wherein said peripheral lid wall includes a lid wall opening;

a base comprising a base panel and a peripheral base wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said base panel, wherein said peripheral base wall extends substantially perpendicular to said base panel, and wherein said peripheral base wall includes a base wall opening;

a hinge panel comprising a first end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said lid and a second end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said base panel;
and

a tab to securely lock said lid to said base, wherein said tab comprises a first member extending into said lid wall opening of said peripheral lid wall, and wherein said tab is hinged to said base.

21. (original)The storage container of claim 20, wherein said tab is removable such that said first member of said tab can be removed from said lid wall opening.

22. (original)The storage container of claim 20, wherein said tab hinge is breakable.

23. (original)The storage container of claim 20, wherein said base comprises a seat to support a data storage disc.

24. (Currently Amended) A storage container, comprising:

a lid;

a base configured to securely support an optical [receive a] disc;

a latch to lock the lid to the base when the container is closed, wherein the base further comprises a base panel and a base wall along a portion of a periphery of the base panel, and the lid further comprises a lid panel and a lid wall along a portion of a periphery of the lid panel, a front portion of the lid wall comprising a recess, the storage container further comprising a tab including a first portion attached to the base and a second portion extending within the recess when the storage container is closed.

25. (Currently Amended) A storage container, comprising:

a lid;

a base configured to securely support an optical [receive a] disc;

a latch to lock the lid to the base when the storage container is closed, wherein the base further comprises a base panel and a base wall along a portion of a periphery of the base panel, and the lid further comprises a lid panel and a lid wall along a portion of a periphery of the lid panel, a front portion of the lid wall comprising a recess, the storage container further comprising a tab including a portion extending within the recess when the storage container is closed, wherein the latch is configured such that a force required to disengage the latch to open the storage container is greater than a force required to engage the latch to close the storage container.

26. (Currently Amended) A storage container, comprising:

a lid comprising a lid panel and a peripheral lid wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said lid panel, wherein said peripheral lid wall extends substantially perpendicular to said lid panel, and wherein said peripheral lid wall includes a lid wall opening;

a base comprising a base panel and a peripheral base wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said base panel, wherein said peripheral base wall extends substantially perpendicular to said base panel, and wherein said peripheral base wall includes a base wall opening, and wherein said base is configured to securely support an optical disc;

a hinge panel comprising a first end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said lid and a second end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said base panel;
and

a tab to securely lock said lid to said base, wherein said tab comprises a first member extending into said lid wall opening of said peripheral lid wall, and wherein said tab is attached to said base.

27. (Currently Amended) A storage container, comprising:

a first closing member comprising a first panel and a first peripheral wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said first panel, wherein said first peripheral wall extends substantially perpendicular to said first panel, and wherein said first peripheral wall includes a wall opening;

a second closing member comprising a second panel and a second peripheral wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said second panel, wherein said second peripheral wall extends substantially perpendicular to said second panel, and wherein said second closing member is adapted to securely support an optical disc;

a hinge panel comprising a first end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said first panel and a second end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said second panel; and

a tab to securely lock said lid to said base, wherein said tab comprises a first member extending into said wall opening of said first peripheral wall, and wherein said tab is attached to said second closing member.

28. (Currently Amended) A storage container, comprising:

a first closing member comprising a first panel and a first peripheral wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said first panel, wherein said first peripheral wall extends substantially perpendicular to said first panel, and wherein said first closing member comprises a detent member extending along said first peripheral wall;

a second closing member comprising a second panel and a second peripheral wall situated along a first portion of a periphery of said second panel, wherein said second peripheral wall extends substantially perpendicular to said second panel, and wherein said first peripheral wall includes an aperture having a catch member

configured to receive and lock with said detent member, and wherein said second closing member is adapted to securely support an optical disc; and

a hinge panel comprising a first end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said first panel and a second end pivotally coupled to a second portion of said second panel.